

WE CLAIM:

1. A color coded identification system for identifying a putty knife, the putty knife having a handle and a blade, comprising:
 - a chart defining flexibility of the blade by use of a first group of colors;
 - the handle including a first portion with a color chosen from the first group of colors indicating the blade flexibility;
 - the blade connected with the handle having the flexibility as indicated by the color of the first portion of the handle; and
 - a label disposed onto the blade having an icon illustrating a portion of a putty knife in the same color as the color of the first portion of the handle.
2. The color coded identification system for identifying a putty knife as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chart further includes a second group of colors to define the handle size.
3. The color coded identification system for identifying a putty knife as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handle further includes a second portion with a color chosen from a second group of colors indicating the handle size.
4. The color coded identification system for identifying a putty knife as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first and second portions are integrally molded members, the second portion covering the first portion and dyed in a color chosen from the second group of colors indicating the handle size, the second portion having at least one window to show the color of the first portion.

5. The color coded identification system for identifying a putty knife as claimed in claim 1, wherein the label is a self adhering label which further includes a box having a background color same as the first portion with indicia illustrating the blade flexibility.
6. The color coded identification system for identifying a putty knife as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chart further shows corresponding function for each color defined in the chart.
7. A color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool, the hand tool including a handle and an operative member, comprising:
 - the handle including a first color chosen from a first group of colors indicating an operating characteristic of the operative member; and
 - the operative member connected with the handle, corresponding to the operating characteristic as indicated by the first color of the handle.
8. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 7, wherein the operative member is a blade.
9. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 8, wherein the handle is color coded to identify the blade flexibility.
10. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a chart defining the operating characteristic of the operative member by use of the first group of colors.

11. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 7, wherein the handle includes a second color chosen from a second group of colors indicating the handle size.
12. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a label disposed onto the operative member having an icon illustrating a portion of a hand tool in the same color as the first color.
13. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 12, wherein the icon shows an operative member of the hand tool in its intended use.
14. A color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool, the hand tool including a handle and an operative member, comprising:
the handle including a first portion with a color chosen from a first group of colors indicating an operating characteristic of the operative member, and a second portion covering the first portion of the handle having at least one window to show the first portion; and
the operative member connected with the handle, corresponding to the operating characteristic as indicated by the color of the first portion.
15. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 14, wherein the second portion of the handle has a color chosen from a second group of colors indicating the handle size.

16. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a chart defining the handle size by use of the second group of colors.

17. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 14, wherein the operative member is a blade, and the operating characteristic is the blade flexibility.

18. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a chart defining the operating characteristic of the operative member by use of the first group of colors.

19. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a label disposed onto the operative member having an icon illustrating a portion of the hand tool in the same color as the first portion.

20. The color coded identification system for identifying a hand tool as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first and second portions are integrally molded members, and the second portion being molded over the first portion.